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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

21st Century Conservation Service Corps Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: We, the Department of the Interior, announce a public meeting of the 21st Century Conservation Service Corps Advisory Committee (Committee).

DATES: *Meeting:* Thursday, August 23, 2012 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Eastern Time).

Meeting Participation: Notify Lisa Young (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

CONTACT) by close of business Wednesday, August 22, 2012, if requesting to make an oral presentation (limited to 2 minutes per speaker). The meeting will accommodate no more than a total of 15 minutes for all public speakers.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via WebEx, to participate in the call as an interested member of the public, please contact Lisa Young (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa Young, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), 1849 C Street, NW, MS 3559, Washington, D.C. 20240; telephone (202) 208-7586; fax (202) 208-5873; or email Lisa_Young@ios.doi.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, we announce that the 21st Century Conservation Service Corps Advisory Committee will hold a meeting.

Background

Chartered in November 2011, the Committee is a discretionary advisory committee established under the authority of the Secretary of the Interior. The purpose of the Committee is to provide the Secretary of Interior with recommendations on: (1) developing a framework for the 21CSC, including program components, structure, and implementation, as well as accountability and performance evaluation criteria to measure success; (2) the development of certification criteria for 21CSC providers and individual certification of 21CSC members; (3) strategies to overcome existing barriers to successful 21CSC program implementation; (4) identifying partnership opportunities with corporations, private businesses or entities, foundations, and non-profit groups, as well as state, local, and tribal governments, to expand support for conservation corps programs, career training and youth employment opportunities; (5) and developing pathways for 21 CSC participants for future conservation engagement and natural resource careers.

Background information on the Committee is available at www.doi.gov/21csc.

Meeting Agenda

The Committee will convene to finalize the initial report from the Committee; and other Committee business. The public will be able to make comment on Thursday, August 23, 2012 starting at 3:15 p.m. The final agenda will be posted on *www.doi.gov/21csc* prior to the meeting.

Public Input

Interested members of the public may present, either orally or through written comments, information for the Committee to consider during the public meeting. Due to the nature of this meeting, interested members of the public are strongly encouraged to submit written statements to the committee by COB Wednesday, August 22, 2012 so they can be reviewed and considered during the full committee meeting on Thursday, August 23, 2012.

Individuals or groups requesting to make comment at the public Committee meeting will be limited to 2 minutes per speaker, with no more than a total of 15 minutes for all speakers. Interested parties should contact Lisa Young, DFO, in writing (preferably via e-mail), by Wednesday, August 22, 2012. (*See* **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**), to be placed on the public speaker list for this meeting.

In order to attend this meeting, you must register by close of business Wednesday, August 22, 2012. The meeting is open to the public. Calls in lines are limited, so all interested in attending should pre-register, and at that time will be given the call in information. Please submit your

name, email address and phone number to Lisa Young via email at *Lisa_Young@ios.doi.gov* or by phone at (202) 208-7586.

Lisa Young
Designated Federal Officer

August 3, 2012
Date

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